

Tichnell Saltbox  
AL-VI-C-187  
Temperance Row, Barton  
ca. 1870

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This building is typical of many dwellings in the coal region. It is a small frame structure of three or four rooms. The gable flank roof was extended with an "outshut" or shed addition to form a saltbox house, which in Western Maryland is found only in the George's Creek area.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tichnell Saltbox

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Temperance Row

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Barton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☒ ACCESSIBLE☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER Storage**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Olyn E. Tichnell

Telephone #:

463-2113

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barton

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21521, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 192  
Folio #: 510

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

12-1-0-87

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tichnell saltbox is located on the northern side of Temperance Row in Barton.

The building originally consisted of a rectangular two story, two bays wide structure resting on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain watertable. A one and one-half story shed addition on the north rests on stone pillars at the corners making the building a "saltbox". Wall construction is frame with weatherboards except on the northern facade which is covered with german siding. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Original eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and bedmould with returns. Returns of the southern flank have been removed to continue the eaves onto the addition which has a sloped soffit on the north. One brick chimney is located inside end.

A pedimented entrance, offset on the southern facade, includes a four panel door with original hardware. Wide windows are pegged six over six lights with wooden lugsills. A porch on the north has a shed roof supported by three decoratively lathed posts.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The mining town of Barton is located near the center of the George's Creek Valley. The town was "laid out" in 1853 by William Shaw, Jr. on the 1,200 acre estate of his father, a Methodist minister who settled there in 1794 (1). The town grew rapidly- by 1880 the population was more than 1,100. (2) Unlike many of the growing communities of the region where miners occupied company owned housing, Barton included 66 lots which apparently were available to miners. (3) This house was probably built by a miner during the 1870's. The assessed value of the building during that period was \$500.00; the lot was assessed at \$50.00. (4)

The building, on lot #34, is typical of many dwellings in the coal region. It is a small frame structure of three or four rooms. The gable flank roof was extended with an "outshut" or shed addition to form a saltbox house, a style which in Western Maryland is found only in the George's Creek area. The two bay width and the blank eastern facade indicates that the building may be the first half of an uncompleted double house. Many miners who built their own homes "built double houses..., living in one and renting the other." (5)

- (1) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Company) p. 140
- (2) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 84
- (3) Ibid, p.79
- (4) Allegany County Assessments, District 9 A-2, 1876-1895, pp. 48-49
- (5) J.T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland II. p. 1503, as quoted in Katherine Harvey Best Dressed Miner p. 90

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Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

August 24, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-C-187DATE: 10/30/78REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: TICHNELL SALTBOXLOCATION OF PROPERTY: NORTHERN SIDE TEMPERANCE ROW, BARTONDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Shed addn North made saltbox on stone pillars at cornersDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- germansiding on North
- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, StoneWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) wooden logsills  
pegged(☒) nailed( ) wide(☒) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: offset South 4 panels - simple pediment  
HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Boxed Returns

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) skipped soffit on N  
original(☒) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip( ) gable( ) 3 deco lathed postsCHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original(☒) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_







AL-VI-C-187  
TICHNELL SALTBOX  
TEMPERANCE ROW BARTON  
DAVID A. DORSEY

10/30/28  
Northwest

FLORIS 32.



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TICHNELL SALTBOX  
TEMPERANCE ROW BARTON  
DAVID A-DORSEY

10/30/78  
southeast